

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers are private, nonprofit, community-driven entities that strive to ensure that every Arkansan has equal access to high-quality, comprehensive health care, including primary medical, dental, mental and preventive health-care services; and

WHEREAS: Currently, a significant number of citizens have difficulty finding such health care, due to a number of reasons. The most notable reason is geographical isolation and an insufficient number of available health-care providers; and

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers are a vital part of the state's health-care system and have shown high standards of accountability. These centers have also been consistent in demonstrating cost-effectiveness, empowering communities to develop programs to meet their specific needs, enhancing health-care opportunities for children and families and providing services in accessible, low-cost environments; and

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers continue to make a difference in the Arkansas health-care system by adhering to the patient-centered, medical-home model, which improves access to quality health care provided by multi-disciplinary trained professionals, and also by promoting individual responsibility and health awareness in communities. Community Health Centers offer primary preventive health care of the highest quality to reduce emergency room utilization, costly disabilities and reduce the spread of communicable diseases, while managing chronic disease conditions in order to help Arkansans be a part of their community's workforce; and

WHEREAS: Continued support of Community Health Centers in Arkansas provides the structure for thriving communities in which all citizens are given access to quality health care, enabling healthy families to thrive in the workplace, in schools, homes and all aspects of life;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 7th through August 13th, 2016, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the important contributions of Arkansas's Community Health Centers in improving the availability and accessibility of high-quality health care for all individuals and families in our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State